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Washington, D.C. 20231 ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. FIRST NAMED INVENTOR FILING DATE 046789 SERIAL NUMBER **EXAMINER** FUJIEDA09/17/97 08/932,238 PAPER NUMBER HB12/1209 ARTUNIT SUGHRUE MION ZINN MACPEAK & SEAS 14 2100 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW 2878 DATE MAILED: SULTE 800 12/09/99 WASHINGTON DC 20037 Below is a communication from the EXAMINER in charge of this application COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS ADVISORY ACTION THE PERIOD FOR RESPONSE: from the date of the Final Rejection. expires three months from the date of the final rejection or as of the mailing date of this Advisory Action, whichever is later. In no event however, Any extension of time must be obtained by filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a), the proposed response and the appropriate fee. The date on will the statutory period for response expire later than six months from the date of the Final Rejection. which the response, the petition, and the fee have been filed is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of determining the which the response the pennon, and the fee have been field is the date of the response and also the date for the purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. Any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 will be calculated from the date that the shortened statutory period for response expires as set forth above. Applicant's response to the final rejection, filed 11/24/99, has been considered with the following effect, but it is not deemed to place the 1. The proposed amendments to the claim and/or specification will not be entered and the final rejections stands because: a. There is no convincing showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b) why the proposed amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented. application in condition for allowance: b. They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. (See Note) d. They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing of simplifying the issues for appeal. $_{\rm C.}$ \square They raise the issue of new matter. (See Note) e. They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims. NOTE: would be allowed if submitted in a separately filed amendment canceling the non-allowable 3. Upon the filing of an appeal, the proposed amendment will be will not be, entered and the status of the claims in this application would 2. Newly proposed or amended claims be as follows: on references is deemed to be overcome by applicant's response.

on non-reference grounds only is deemed to be overcome by applicant's response. Allowed claims: None Claims objected to: None Claims rejected: 1-6 and 43-52 However; 4 The affidavit, exhibit or request for reconsideration has been considered but does not overcome the rejection. The affidavit or exhibit will not be considered because applicant has not shown good and sufficient reasons why it was not earlier presented.

Other

The proposed drawing correction \square has \square has not been approved by the examiner.